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Education/Work History
After graduating from the College of Charleston in 1994, Ben Evans earned a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University. From there, he took a job as a reporter at The Durham Herald-Sun/Chapel Hill Herald newspapers in North Carolina. He started out in the Orange County bureau, covering just about everything (cops, courts, politics, etc.)

After about a year, Ben moved to the Durham office, where he covered Durham County government and, later, City Hall. In Durham, he got see at close range how things work in government. After about six years in North Carolina, he took a job covering energy legislation for Congressional Quarterly in Washington. He stayed at CQ for about two years before moving to the Associated Press in 2006.

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How the political science degree helped get him to where he is today.
"I was interested in politics before I knew I wanted to be a reporter, and the political science department was a major reason for that. With such a variety of courses and expert professors, the department provided a great base of knowledge for a journalism career. All those papers and blue book tests also honed my writing skills and taught me how to analyze and explain complicated concepts – which is basically what I do now. And doing the Model Organization of African Unity with Dr. Jack Parson at Howard University piqued my interest in Washington".

Advice to current political science students
"I think the political science degree can be excellent preparation for all sorts of careers. I wouldn’t worry too much about just what you’ll do with it or get too specific on any career track. Just follow what interests you and do well; that way you’ll have lots of doors open later on."